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To: <u>Water Draft Permit Comments</u>

Subject: [BULK] No Discharge Permit-51-00164 for C&H farms

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## Dear ADEQ Board:

We must protect the water quality of the Buffalo National River as the natural treasure that it is.

The risk of contamination to the Buffalo National River from hog waste leaking from these holding ponds is too great to ignore. Several geophysicists think there is a very high likelihood the ponds are leaking because the manure fields, barns and ponds sit atop the highly fractured karst geology of the area.

We have a duty to protect this river for current tourist revenue, healthy biodiversity, and for future generations to enjoy!

I grew up near the Buffalo River, paddling and playing in its clear water and I take my children there today. I want to take my grandchildren there one day as well!

This permit is not worth the risk of contaminating this important river, protected river!!

Please deny the Discharge Permit-51-00164 for C&H farms. The profit for a few is not worth such a vast potential loss for the many.

Regards, Bethany Fitzpatrick 204 Hattabaugh Dr. Elkins, AR 72727